CLAIMS

- 1. A surface-emitting laser light source using a two-dimensional photonic crystal, which includes:
- a two-dimensional photonic crystal having a plate-shaped body material in which a large number of modified refractive index areas whose refractive index differs from that of the body material are periodically arranged; and

an active layer provided on one side of the two-dimensional photonic crystal, and which is characterized in that:

- a plane shape of each modified refractive index area on a side opposite from the active layer is smaller than that on another side facing the active layer; and
- a center of gravity of each modified refractive index area on the side facing the active layer is displaced from that on the side opposite from the active layer.
- 2. The surface-emitting laser light source using a two-dimensional photonic crystal according to claim 1, which is characterized in that a cross-sectional shape of the modified refractive index area on a plane perpendicular to the body material has a step-like profile.
- 3. The surface-emitting laser light source using a two-dimensional photonic crystal according to claim 1 or 2, which is characterized in that the shape of the modified refractive index area on the side facing the active layer is a triangle, and the shape of the modified refractive index area on the side opposite from the active layer is a triangle that is smaller than the aforementioned triangle.

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- 4. The surface-emitting laser light source using a two-dimensional photonic crystal according to claim 1 or 2, which is characterized in that the shape of the modified refractive index area on the side facing the active layer is a circle, and the shape of the modified refractive index area on the side opposite from the active layer is a shape obtained by partially cutting the aforementioned circle.
- 5. The surface-emitting laser light source using a two-dimensional photonic crystal according to one of claims 1 to 4, which is characterized in that the modified refractive index areas are arranged in a square lattice pattern.

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6. The surface-emitting laser light source using a two-dimensional photonic crystal according to one of claims 1 to 5, which is characterized in that the modified refractive index area consists of holes or a member made of a material whose refractive index differs from that of the body material.